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Dear Examiner Collins:

Pursuant to your suggestion during my telephone call on January 12, 2003, I am faxing you a short explanation of the significant differences between the claimed inventions and the prior art, and a brief explanation about why the section 112 objections should be withdrawn.

There are fundamental differences between Applicant's invention and all prior art in the 400+ year history of playing cards. Applicant's invention has two key and unique properties:

- (1) when the cards are first dealt they display the suit alone and the not card value (i.e., ace, king, queen, jack, etc.); and
- (2) after the player selects a card the card changes appearance so that both the suit and card value appear, like a conventional card.

It bears repeating -- the card's suit and the card's value are separated when the cards are first dealt; they display the suit alone -- not the card value. No other card has these properties.